



## **MEETING MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** March 6, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Nancy Sousa

**Minutes approved on:** May 1, 2012

**Interpreters:** Jon Henry and Maureen McEntee

Cart: Shelley Deming

RIDE:

Attorney: Sara Rapport

### **Call to Order**

- a. Chairperson Travis Zellner called the meeting of the RI School for the Deaf Board of Trustees to order at 6:14 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the RI School for the Deaf.

### **Roll Call of Board of Trustees**

- b. **In Attendance:** Marie Lynch, Amy D Roche, Jodi Merryman, Harvey Corson, Angelo Garcia arrived 6:35 p.m.
- c. **Excused:** Westley Resendes

### **Public Comment – None**

### **Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- **January 10, 2012 – approved by consensus**
- **February 28, 2012 – not ready for review**

### **Reports:**

- **Chairperson:** Not much to report; leadership team is working on plan – it looks really good; contacted Gist re: Wayne and Jeannie to put on agenda – will keep asking.
- **Interim Administration Report – no report**

## **Old Business:**

- **Reform/SIG Plan: Joseph Fischgrund and Mary Pendergast:** presented a Power Point draft of the plan to members.

**Members:** questioned assessments and the development of only school-wide goals because of the low number of students; need for interim assessments; language use in high school, also look at math curriculum; administrator evaluations; HCP and highly effective staff, BEP should already be there – must go above and beyond; use of federal money along with grant money; must move beyond 4<sup>th</sup> grade wall for middle and high school students; projected growth targets for individual students.

**Mary Pendergast:** noted that there are three phases of implementation - first target is 4/1/12 – 9/30/12 - October 2012, will focus on common core, not NECAP; can incorporate bench marks for next year; 2<sup>nd</sup> phase 10/1/12 – 9/30/13 and phase 3 – 10/1/12 to 9/30/14. Budget estimate for 3 phases = \$222,800 over 3 years. We should be able to fund 70-80% of this, even if we do not get SIG funds. Noted that there are columns on the Transformation worksheet that incorporate these initiatives in the plan; feedback from RIDE will include targeted and intensive interventions; will clarify what's CORE and what will be target intensive; we will be ready in September to implement school-wide interventions – 90 – 100% of our students are at risk. Budget does include math and language materials – the plan speaks to math and language arts (core science and social studies are not highlighted in the plan).

**Chair:** send any comments directly to Mary by early next week; the plan will be presented to us to finalize and approve on 3/20/12. It is very important to give timely feedback, preferably by Monday of next week.

**Members:** voiced concern about not having a clean draft in front of them to review; feel that they also put a lot of work into this, volunteering hard; can't reach consensus if we can't agree with the plan – it was determined that a copy of the final draft, including members' input, will be emailed to members prior to 3/20/12 meeting.

- **School Policies (2nd Reading)**
- **Bullying – approved by consensus**
- **Food Allergy – approved by consensus**
- **RISD Director Search - Update and/or Recommendation** (Harvey Corson rescued himself from discussing and voting on this agenda item - left room at 7:55pm): **Chair:** Director Search Committee has done great work; had good representation from group; have a letter of recommendation for Nancy Maguire-Heath – in consideration for appointment as Director. (More information will be given in Executive Session ). How do we want to move forward in interviewing this candidate? She is nearby, so can ask her in for a day to tour and interview.

**Members:** include a tour of school in interview; she should see some instruction going on; meet people at the school - realize we need to move quickly on this.

**Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) – to discuss RISD Director Vacancy**

- a. **MOVED Jodi Merryman AND SECONDED Angelo Garcia:** That the Board would adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) and (2) at 8:02 p.m.. Approved unanimously.
- b. **MOVED Jodi Merryman AND SECONDED Amy Donnelly-Roche:** That the Board would return to Open Session at 8:33 p.m. Approved unanimously.
- c. Called Harvey Corson back at 8:35 p.m.
- d. **MOVED Amy Donnelly-Roche: AND SECONDED Jodi Merryman:** That the Board would seal the minutes of Executive Session. Approved unanimously.

Motions from Executive Session: None

Adjournment at 8:38 p.m.